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Metropolitan Methodist Church Corner Stone Laid This Afternoon With Becoming Ceremony— Splendid Addresses Delivered by Speakers on the Occasion.

The corner stone of the Metropolitan Methodist church was laid Tuesday afternoon by Rev. T. J. Buchanan, superintendent of Methodist missions for Alberta, assisted by Professor Hild, president of the Edmonton conference and several local pastors. Rev. T. J. Johnston, M.A., B.D., addressed the audience and intimated the large assembly present that he was about to place a stone in the corner of the building containing the Strathcona Evening Chronicle and the inauguration number of the Weekly Chronicle. The Minister, The Winnipeg Telegram and Free Press, The Edmonton Journal and Bulletin, The Christian Guardian and the several other church and Sunday school papers, the names of the church officers, Rev. Dr. Curran, superintendent of

Methodist churches in Canada, Rev. Mr. Buchanan, superintendent for Alberta, Rev. Hild, president of the conference, the pastor, Rev. T. J. Johnston, members of the Quarterly Board, members of the Trustee Board, members of the Building Committee, the contractors of the building and the makers of the gifts.

After singing a hymn and prayer had been offered, addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Buchanan, Rev. Dr. Hild, Rev. Dr. Fanning of Knox church, Rev. Dr. McDonald, and Rev. Mr. Brown of the Baptist church. The addresses were eloquent and forebode the kindly sympathy of the ministers and the several churches, was an evidence that church union among the evangelical bodies at least, is not immensurably distant.

Government Contractors The One Remedy

Farmers Can See No Other Way to Improve Beef Prices.

The first witness before the beef commission in Edmonton on Wednesday was Wm. Vogel, manager of the Vogel Packing Co., Strathcona, a company which he declared is strictly an independent concern and is in no trust or connection with any other packing house. Last year it packed 100,000 head of cattle, the product of which sold in the towns along the C.N.R. and C.E. He explained his policy exclusively in this district.

Mr. Vogel submitted a schedule of prices paid by his firm during 1906 as follows:
May 1st to 18th, 61.
May 18 to Oct. 25th, 54.
Oct. 25 to Nov. 15, 51.
Nov. 15 to Nov. 28, 48.
Nov. 28 to Dec. 31, 44 and 49.
These prices were for choice hogs. Hough and very heavy hogs were quoted below these prices.

The prices were ruled by supply and demand. Winnipeg or Chicago quotations had no effect here. Witness said to the trade only. His prices were from half a cent to one cent below those of American products imported here.

Mr. Nolan closely examined the witness as to the reasons for fluctuations, his questions tending to show that the witness strongly desired it. He said that P. Burns & Co. could not bid the price. Last year witness said he would not pay under \$4. He thought the farmers could find a profit at that price.

Mr. P. Webb was next called. He stated that he was engaged in handling and shipping live stock for the last six or seven years. His business was largely the shipping of hogs to Vancouver. Mr. Webb told of an experience in shipping two cars of cattle from here to that city. He said he would never forget the treatment he received.

In the first place he had great difficulty in getting cars at all. On the run he was held off at every station and made on an average nine miles an hour over the entire trip. At one place, near Wetaskiwin, he was held up for eight hours to load a gravel train.

Mr. Webb stated that the bad roads and accommodation afforded by the C.P.R. caused such an enormous shrinkage in the profits that it practically wiped out any possibility of shipping at a profit. On the occasion of which he spoke his cattle lost 150 pounds apiece, and he lost money.

"Good transportation facilities and fair treatment is the whole thing," said Mr. Webb.

Mr. Webb stated that in buying hogs the price he could get for them was fixed. His method was to handle the hogs at a per pound commission, and try to give the farmer the benefit of a narrow spread between the two prices. He attributed the sudden rise in pork this spring to the fact that the farmers were busy mowing at the time, and would not have their ploughs to mow their hogs. There was also a small scarcity of fat hogs this spring which was a factor. He stated that the \$4 price named by Mr. Vogel was a starvation price for the farmer when he was forced to pay 20c for the same hogs when converted into bacon by Mr. Vogel.

Mr. Webb had no specific remedy to suggest. He thought matters could gradually right themselves and expressed confidence in the new packing plant in Edmonton, which he said would create a market and establish a regular price.

D. W. Warner, superintendent of the A.P.A., related the story of his cattle deal. In 1906 he got \$4 a head for cattle weighing 1,100 lbs. This spring he sold three steers to the same dealer for \$4.50 a head. He had other offers on the cattle.

With respect to the sudden fluctuations in the price of hogs this spring, when hogs rose to 75c, Mr. Warner said he thought it was due to the demand for fresh meat in the city, when the farmers were busy mowing, and were unable to market their hogs. He thought that five cents was low money to pay the farmer for the pork. It could not be raised for the reason that it was demanded by the city.

The condition of the hog industry in this province was very unsatisfactory. His remedy was to encourage mowing and packing houses and to encourage competition and prevent monopoly and pooling.

With respect to the new packing plant at Edmonton, which, if it were true, was being built with American capital, he said that it was dangerous to the farmer here as there was danger of the Canadian consumer being supplied by the American market. While it would be to the interest to keep the half million plant at Edmonton, it would be to the detriment of their farm work in American cities.

He referred to the work of the A.P.A. and made the remark that it was the feeling among the farmers of the province that if the government failed to get between the people and the man who declared he could starve them, that the people of the province would be forced to look to the government for their safety and what was commonly expressed.

Replied, Mr. Warner in answer to questions expressed the opinion that if the farmers went into the packing business on a large scale they would injure themselves, as it would involve the neglect of their farm work. The witness emphasized his contention that the best trade in Alberta was dominated by a trust which ruled or lowered prices at will. He advocated government ownership or control of the meat packing industry.

W. F. Stevens, secretary of the Farmers' Association at Clover Bar, thought that the only way to solve the beef question was through the grain question, in that the majority of farmers failed their stock on the consideration of the work and the amount of material used in bringing hogs up to a market standard. He was sure that the farmer could not produce them for less than five cents per pound, at least in the summer months of grain to make one pound hog.

Mr. Stevens stated that the dairy business was being carried on successfully by the government. He stated in his opinion the packing plants could be handled in a like manner. The government could build a plant and place it in charge of a competent person and even the light corporations did run the plant. The government would be in a position to compete as long as it did not make a private corporation.

As shown by his own figure, the packing plant in Edmonton was making over 100 per cent. and that that there surely was some method by which the amount could be cut down. He had cut up a 245 pound hog in the same manner that a butcher would and by selling it at from two to three cents below market price he had made \$1.61 above what he would have received had

he sold it to P. Burns & Company. The same hog if it had been driven to market and sold there, he said, would have netted the local dealer over 100 per cent.

In regard to Alberta's ability to furnish hogs enough to keep a packing plant in operation, Mr. Stevens stated that from statistics he had gathered, the province could provide 500 a day or over 15,000 a month. In conclusion he stated that he considered this estimate very low and the very fact that there are so many farmers coming from the States who want to raise hogs but cannot, owing to the low price, indicates that if there is something done to give a permanent market the supply of hogs would be materially increased.

Several other farmers were called and asked as to their views as to the best means of improving the condition of the meat trade, and all expressed themselves in favor of government control.

Thos. Javery, a shipper, alleged discrimination in rates by the C.P.R. stating that by shipping to Gordon & Houston, of Winnipeg, he had received one-third deduction from the usual cost of transportation.

Local

Successful Orange Celebration

Last Friday was the glorious Twelfth

and all true Orangemen of the Edmonton county went to Wetaskiwin, where one of the finest celebrations ever held in Alberta, took place. A special train containing nearly three hundred people left here at 9.30 and large numbers were picked up at Leduc and Millet. On arriving at the elevator city a grand procession headed by the Strathcona band, was formed and paraded all the principal streets. Individually, Laconia, Agri-

cultural, Strathcona and Wetaskiwin lodges all were represented in this procession. It being estimated that there were 1,000 Orangemen in line. As usual hundreds of L.O.O.L. 1654 had the banner turned, although Wetaskiwin also showed up well.

After dinner the procession was again formed and marched to the fair grounds where the usual Orange speeches were delivered. E. Keaney, Dickson, on behalf of the people of the city of Wetaskiwin, extended a hearty welcome to the visiting members of the Orange Association and their friends. Mayor Mills of Strathcona, in a short and spicy speech, complimented the Wetaskiwin citizens for the royal way in which they had treated and paraded all the principal streets. He was also given by J. G. Tipton, Thos. Irvine and Mr. D. J. Johnston, Rev. Dr. Daley, Rev. J. H. Bowring, J. P. Fowler and J. E. Hogg, of Wetaskiwin. The speeches of Mrs. D. Johnston and John J. Tipton were of the good and brought forth much applause.

A short program of horse races and athletic sports was also run, the following being the results:—One mile trot—1st, Cowan's Mink; 2nd, Dillie M. Jack race in harness—1st, Owen's Cowan.

One mile pony race—1st, Joe Simpson; 2nd, H. Sharpe; 3rd, Frank. But to get between the people and the man who declared he could starve them, that the people of the province would be forced to look to the government for their safety and what was commonly expressed.

The baseball tournament between Wetaskiwin, Camrose and Strathcona, took place at 2.30. Wetaskiwin won easily, by 15-2. Camrose was assisted by Deyton and Maloney, of it. Wetaskiwin, and to a certain extent were responsible for the defeat.

Wetaskiwin, Pittman and Toucher; Camrose, Parrell and Stony. In the evening Strathcona and Wetaskiwin came together and as usual Wetaskiwin won easily, the score being 15-1.

Tait was on the slab for the north-western and was pointed all over the lot. However, the support he got was poor and he cannot be altogether blamed for the defeat.

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